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In re Application of

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For: TASK PROCESSING SYSTEM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-16 are all the claims presently pending in the application. This Preliminary Amendment amends claims 1 and 10 to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 10, and 14 are independent.